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Cactus District Weekly Update

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Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

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SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

I invite all Cactus District residents to my upcoming Cactus District Meeting that will be on Thursday, October 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern. Please let your neighbors know. I look forward to seeing you there!

Glendale Names New Fire Chief.

Terry Garrison has been appointed Fire Chief for the City of Glendale, following a competitive nationwide search.

Chief Garrison comes to the City of Glendale from



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Houston, Texas, where he has served as the Fire Chief since 2010. Houston has the third largest Fire Department in the United States with more than 4,000 members and a budget of \$509 million. Prior to serving in Houston, Chief Garrison was the Interim Fire Chief for Daisy Mountain Fire District in Arizona in 2010, Fire Chief for the City of Oceanside, California from 2007 to 2009, and served with the City of Phoenix Fire Department from 1977 to 2007.

"Glendale is a vibrant city with a Fire department that has a 100-year history of state-of-the-art emergency services, combined with an exceptional level of customer service," stated Chief Garrison. "I am humbled and privileged to join this team, and am looking forward toward an ongoing collaboration with city leadership, city management and - most importantly - the citizens of Glendale."

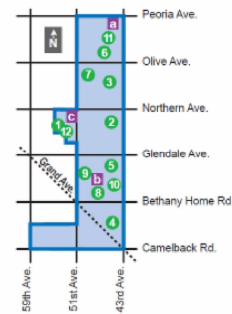
"Chief Garrison brings exceptional talent and experience that will serve Glendale well," said Acting City Manager Dick Bowers.

The Glendale Fire Department consists of 247 firefighters and 34 civilian employees, and operates nine fire stations situated across the city. This fully accredited department responds to approximately 40,000 calls a year, providing a variety of emergency services including fire suppression, emergency medical response, hazardous materials response and specialized rescues.

Chief Garrison holds a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science Management from Ottawa University and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. He has also completed the Certified Public Manager program and attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In addition to his leadership in the municipal fire service, Chief Garrison has traveled throughout the United States and Asia teaching incident command and behavioral leadership with an emphasis on sustainable organizational change.

The new Fire Chief will manage a budget of \$47.6 million and will earn a salary of \$170,000. Chief Garrison assumes command on November 2.

For more information about the Glendale Fire Department, visit www.glendaleaz.com/fire/.



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Amenities



21st Annual Front Porch Festival Celebrates Autumn in Historic Downtown Glendale.

The 21st anniversary of Glendale's Front Porch Festival and Old Towne Marketplace will be the perfect opportunity to celebrate the autumn season with fun activities and more. Come down to explore the Catlin Court and Old Towne in Downtown Glendale on Saturday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a variety of activities.

The historic district will delight visitors, with more than 80 shops that will welcome all on their lawns and front porches, with demonstrations, crafts and more. There will also be a contest among the merchants for the

Glendale Police Department Awarded Two Important Federal Grants

On September 22, 2015, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced that the Glendale Police Department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$449,000 to be utilized towards the implementation of a body-worn camera program. During the grant application process, the Department sought information from vendors, the Department of Justice and other local agencies with a body-worn camera program in place. The grant award will allow the program process to move forward from the research phase as we seek a vendor to provide us with 300 cameras so we may equip each of our uniformed officers. The grant also provides funding for the required software, computer hardware, as well as a full-time employee to manage the data and information collected by the body cameras.

The use of body-worn cameras will provide increased transparency and accountability. The cameras will capture sound and video recordings that may be used to enhance criminal investigations and prosecutions. The roll-out of this program will include the creation and implementation of both policies and training as well as public education that explains how the system works and what its capabilities will be.

Last week, the Glendale Police Department was also awarded \$85,000 under the Byrne-JAG grant. This will enhance the abilities of our Gun Violence Detectives. Those detectives specialize in responding to crime scenes involving firearms and focus on the tracing and tracking of firearms. The improved forensics ability will support a more successful utilization of the National Integrated Ballistic Network (NIBIN) to automate ballistics by evaluating shell casings recovered at the scene of crimes. Just this past July, detectives responded to a house-party shooting where two victims, one an active duty U.S. Marine, were shot. Shell casings were collected and entered into NIBIN. The weapons used in the shootings were purchased just hours later by undercover detectives from a neighboring agency. Test fires of those weapons identified them as the weapons used and subsequently multiple arrests were made.

The squad also focuses on gun violence prevention and firearms safety. The squad will educate students aged Kindergarten through 2nd Grade with the use of the Eddie Eagle program. Interactions with high

"Favorite Scarecrow" decoration. Guests will be encouraged to vote for their favorites, to be entered to win a basket full of treats and goodies. The business that receives the most votes will get a blue ribbon and of course, bragging rights.

The event will kick-off a donation drive for Treats for Troops, a program that sends care packages to deployed military in partnership with the Military Family Support Group. Items needed include:

Candy, snacks (nothing that will melt); Small canned food and fruit (pop-top lids) ; Gatorade/Tang/Kool-Aid (sweetened powder drink mixes); Juice boxes; Coffee bags (Folger singles, etc.); Beef Jerky; Foot powder/body powder; Microwave popcorn; Tuna/meat packets (foil packs); Crackers; Hand towels & wash cloths; Facial tissue - travel packs; Toothpaste, toothbrushes; Sunscreen; Wet wipes (baby wipes, unscented); Razors; Hand and body lotion (unscented) - Travel Size; Hand sanitizer - Travel Size; Crossword puzzle books; Pocket-sized games; AA batteries

Visitors are encouraged to start at the Glendale Visitor Center, at 5800 W. Glenn Dr. Suite 140, to pick up your list of activities and a walking map. Admission and parking are free. For more information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or visit www.visitglendale.com/ You can also follow Glendale on www.facebook.com/GlendaleCVB and twitter.com/GlendaleCVB for updates.



school students will include lectures highlighting the importance of strong decision making.

City of Glendale and Partners Strengthen Efforts to Grow Municipal Airport.

The Glendale Municipal Airport is seeing renewed interest and growth, drawing new activity and development.



In recent months, many factors are coming together to strengthen airport operations and partnerships. A new restaurant opened in the airport last November, called Something Special Aviation Café, which not only operates a café for airport tenants and visitors, but also runs an established catering business that has been in the Valley for several years.

New asphalt and paint have gone in on the tarmac, part of a five-year project to improve all surfaces used by aircraft and other areas. This project was made possible through grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT.)

A new airport administrator came on board in July, following the retirement of Walt Fix. Kenn Potts is working alongside Fix during a transition which will prove to strengthen airport operations. "I would like to welcome our new tenants," said Potts. "I look forward to working in partnership with both new and existing tenants to make the Glendale Municipal Airport a great place to fly and to conduct business."

All the positive changes have drawn new interest in the airport. The airport's largest hangar operator, Glendale Airport Hangars, recently put 103 individual hangar condos and 11 acres of development land up for sale for the first time in 25 years in response to rising activity at the airport. Several "sold" signs are visible on many of the private hangars near the tower. Sales of the hangars have been brisk, bringing new pilots not only from other local airports such as Deer Valley and Scottsdale, but also from the Midwest and East Coast. "We are seeing strong interest from pilots, investors and developers" stated Glendale Airport Hangars CFO Brian Hufft. "Other airports just don't have the space, inventory, or prices that Glendale does. This airport is perfectly



situated to be a real economic engine for the city in the future."

Pilot Harry Daye, who rented hangar space for the last 10 years, recently purchased nine private hangars as an investment. "I've been flying here for quite a long time now, and I've never seen as much aviation opportunity for local pilots and the city of Glendale," he said. "I fully expect to see continued growth and activity at the airport. It is truly a hidden gem." Carl Brandenburg, Operations Manager at Glendale Aero Services, echoes those sentiments. "I've seen real changes in the 10 years I have been here. This is an airport on the rise."

For additional information on the Glendale Municipal Airport, visit www.glendaleaz.com/airport/ or call 623-930-2188.

Glendale HOA Academy.

Are you looking for advice on how to run your neighborhood homeowners association? Don't miss this free training series offered by the City of Glendale Neighborhood Services, in partnership with Mulcahy Law Firm, P.C. Speak with specialists in the field at these four relevant and industry-specific classes, including How to Handle Rentals in Community Associations and How to Build Community in HOAs; Does your Association have Drones? Nuisance Issues in the Association; Budgeting for Community Associations - Audits, Compilations, Reviews - Contracts; and Safety, Crime and Vandalism Prevention.

The Glendale HOA Academy will be held on Tuesdays from 1 - 2:30 p.m., from October 13 - November 3, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. If space allows, non-residents may attend by paying a \$20 fee. Preregistration is required. Call 623-930-2820 or visit

www.glendaleaz.com/neighborhoodservices to register.

The "Silkscreen Six" Come to Gallery Glendale Unique exhibit is free to public beginning October 2

"The Silkscreen Six: A Monosilkscreen Print Exhibition" will be on display and for sale throughout



inside Westgate Entertainment District, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102.

Enjoy light refreshments and meet the artists at the opening reception on Friday, October 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on view every Friday and Saturday in October during regular gallery hours, October 2-31, from 6 to 9 p.m.

This exhibit showcases the artwork of Jeremy Yocum, Jon Arvizu, Emily Costello, Manny Burruel, Janet Burruel, and Louis Giordano. Discover how six accomplished Valley artists uniquely approach this printmaking medium. You might even be tempted to purchase something to take home with you.

Monosilkscreen/Serigraph printmaking is a type of screen-printing in which the artwork is painted directly onto a 160 mesh silkscreen. By using a squeegee, the image is transferred through the screen onto paper. The process typically requires some preliminary planning and drawing, but once ink is applied onto the screen, the artist has only 15 minutes to complete the painting. This urgency contributes to a spontaneity that leads to amazing results.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The gallery is located between Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations and Mama Gina's Pizzeria. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, call Glendale Public Arts Coordinator, Mojgan Vahabzadeh, at 623-930-3557, email Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale/.

New River Trail Expansion Grand Opening & Fun Run/Walk.

Be one of the first to enjoy the newest addition to



Glendale's impressive outdoor amenities! Join the cities of Glendale and Peoria on the morning of Monday, October 12, at Northern and 99th Avenues, for a fun run/walk and opening ceremony to celebrate the newest trail segment in Glendale: the New River Trail from Northern Avenue to Bethany Home Road.



Begin the day at 7:30 a.m. with a 4.45 mile run/walk along the entire length of the newly constructed trail (from Northern Avenue to Bethany Home Road and back), or a less strenuous 2.2 mile run/walk between Northern and Glendale avenues at 8 a.m. All distances will be untimed, but race clocks will be available at the start/finish line.

The festivities will conclude with an official dedication ceremony of the trail segment at 9 a.m., featuring city officials and light refreshments. There is a \$5.00 event registration fee, which will benefit the Valley of the Sun United Way. Parking will be available just south of Northern Avenue, off 99th Avenue. To register, visit raceroster.com/events/2015/6527/city-of-glendale-br-trail-expansion-grand-opening.

Connecting into an existing trail in the City of Peoria, the expansion, which runs parallel to New River, west of the Loop 101, will accommodate hikers, runners, cyclists, birdwatchers, and equestrians. The newest segment to the New River Trail is marked by beautiful vegetation, including mesquite and Texas ebony trees, oleanders and bougainvillea, as well as local wildlife like jackrabbits and hummingbirds. In the future, the planned completion of the Grand Canal Linear Trail from Loop 101 to New River Pathway will join the two trails. Once completed, the trail system will connect into others in the West Valley, including the Skunk Creek and Thunderbird Paseo Pathway systems.

"Imagine being able to hike or ride the entire Valley on a continuous looped trails system without competing with motor vehicles," said Mike Gregory, Glendale's Parks, Recreation, & Neighborhood Services Administrator. "This segment of the New River Trail is just one more section added to the Valley's Pedestrian Freeway that will provide runners, walkers, bikers, and roller bladers access to the entire Valley: from Apache Junction to the White Tank Regional Park."

For more information, contact Recreation Manager Paul King at 623-930-2654 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation/.

October 2015 Event and Activity Listings.

The following events are offered from the city of Glendale Parks & Recreation and Library Services Divisions in October. The programs are free unless



otherwise stated. To see many more events and activities, please visit www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/ and www.glendaleaz.com/library/.

New Fall Hours at the Velma Teague Library

Beginning October 1, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

The Velma Teague Library's new operating hours:

Monday & Thursday: 1-8 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Friday & Sunday: Closed

Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information, call 623-930-3430.

October Is National Reading Group Month

Did you know that the Glendale Libraries have several book discussion groups? You can try Afternoon Readers; Best of the West; Classics; 58th Avenue; Gentle Reads; Mystery Readers; A Novel Approach; Real to Reel; Velma's Clues; Shelf Discovery; and/or Kearsten's Teen Book Club. For more information about these groups, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library/. Learn more about National Reading Group Month at www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/.

Ongoing Drop-in Exercise Classes At the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

Classes adapted for older adults. Call 623-930-4321 for more information or visit www.glendaleaz.com/adultcenter/exercisefitness.cfm.

Zumba Gold

2 to 2:55 p.m., every Monday/Wednesday/Friday
Class is free to members, \$5 per class drop-in fee for non-members.

T'ai Chi - Essentials

1 to 2 p.m., every Tuesday
Class is free to members, \$5 per class drop-in fee for non-members.

Yoga Basics



\$5 per class drop-in fee.

Zumba

3:30 to 4:30 p.m., every Tuesday/Thursday

\$5 per class drop-in fee.

Hallowe'en 1930s Style

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday - Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, October 1-31, at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historical Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

Experience Hallowe'en 1930s style at the Main House Museum at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area. From decorations to costumes to party activities, learn how people of the era celebrated the holiday. As you tour the Main House, discover how the Smith Family, Sahuaro Ranch owners in the 1930s, might have decorated for a costume party. This tour is a great experience for all ages. For more information, call 623-930-4201.

Be a Library Superhero - Become a Friend!

October 18-24 is National Friends of Libraries Week, but we're celebrating Library friends throughout October, culminating in a superheroic fundraiser. For more information about National Friends of Libraries Week, visit

www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/folweek.

Tell Your Story: Superhero Story-time & Craft

1 p.m., Thursday, October 22, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 28, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

11 a.m., Wednesday, October 28, at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Calling all preschool avengers! Come to our special superhero storytime, dressed in your best heroic outfit, and fight evil by reading books! After storytime, stay for a brief craft. Program is designed for ages 3-6. For more information, call 623-930-3537 (Main); 623-930-3437 (Velma Teague); or 623-930-3837 (Foothills).

Friends of the Library Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

Friday, October 30 & Saturday, October 31



Be a library superhero at this special Barnes & Noble Book Fair being held to support the Friends of the Glendale Public Library. On October 30 & 31, a portion of all Barnes & Noble product sales will go to the Friends, a nonprofit support group whose mission is to advocate and raise funds for the Glendale Library system. Simply mention the Friends of the Glendale Public Library when making any purchases on these two dates at any Barnes & Noble (in store or online), and the Friends will receive a portion of the proceeds. In addition, the Arrowhead Barnes & Noble store (7685 W. Bell Rd.) will host free, superhero-themed activities such as the Superhero Scavenger Hunt! Children are encouraged to dress in their favorite superhero costume or create a hero of their own. No purchase is necessary to participate. Call 623-930-3530 for more information.

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